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the sanitary measures for all ships leaving said ports for the Republic of Panama exactly in the same manner as they are instructed to do for ships bound for the United States.

The adoption of this suggestion by the Government of the United States would be highly appreciated by the Government of the Republic of Panama.

I am, sir, with great respect, your very obedient servant,

P. BUNAU-VARILLA.

His Excellency JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State, Washington.

FEBRUARY 27, 1904.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 24th instant, inclosing, for my consideration, copy of a note from the minister of Panama at this capital, in which he suggests that the United States medical officers at contaminated ports in foreign countries may be instructed to act in regard to vessels sailing for ports of Panama as they do in regard to vessels sailing for United States ports, I have the honor to state that the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service will issue instructions to officers of the Service serving in such foreign ports to comply with this request.

To facilitate the carrying out of these instructions it is requested that a circular letter of instructions be issued to all consuls in foreign ports to insure their cooperation in this work.

Respectfully,

R. B. ARMSTRONG,
Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF STATE.

The following circular letter of instructions was sent to all officers serving in foreign ports and ports in the possession and dependencies of the United States:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

MARCH 2, 1904.

To commissioned medical officers, acting assistant surgeons of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, and others concerned:

You are hereby informed that the minister of Panama at Washington has requested, through the Department of State, that United States medical officers at contaminated ports in foreign countries may be instructed to act in regard to vessels sailing for ports of Panama as they do in regard to vessels sailing to the United States; and the Secretary of the Treasury has informed the Secretary of State that instructions will be sent to officers of the Service serving in foreign ports to comply with this request.

You are therefore directed to carry out the instructions as above indicated.

Respectfully,

WALTER WYMAN,
Surgeon-General.

Postponement of the Second General International Sanitary Convention of the American Republics.

The International Sanitary Bureau has decided unanimously to postpone for one year the meeting of the Second International Sanitary Convention of the American Republics, which was to have been held in Santiago de Chile on March 15, 1904.